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President's Message

We will be welcoming spring as you read this issue of CPS News. Spring is my favourite season because I look forward to the warming of the earth, glorious displays of flowering bulbs, and greening of the landscape. Apple, peach, and cherry blossoms in the month of May bring agri-tourism to the Niagara



Deena Errampalli
CPS-SCP President/présidente

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Region of southern Ontario where I work and live. While the public enjoys the blossoms, spring brings concerns about the control of tree fruit diseases, including apple scab, for plant pathologists working in this region. I wish my colleagues and friends in our profession who are planning experiments for the management of diseases of field and horticultural crops all the best in finding solutions in the field and laboratory.

CPS Annual Scientific Meeting

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to attend the 2015 annual conference of the Canadian Phytopathological Society that is being held as part of Botany 2015 from July 25-29, 2015 in Edmonton, Alberta. This diverse conference will include all six

Deena Errampalli says she is blessed to work with crops that are good subjects to paint. The curse of a plant pathologist... disease symptoms do not escape the eye of the artist!



'Peach Orchard in Bloom'

Watercolor painting by Deena Errampalli - she noticed a lot of 'mummy peaches' with brown rot conidia from the previous year on the tree branches



'Apple Orchard'

Acrylic painting by Deena Errampalli. Yes, apple scab disease was on the leaves and some fruit in this orchard





member societies of Plant Canada (www.plantcanada.ca) and an additional eight plant biology societies. In case you are wondering why the CPS is meeting jointly with Botany 2015, here is the context: A decade ago, in the spirit of fostering collaboration among plant societies in Canada, the CPS met as part of Plant Canada in 2005. Two years later, the CPS hosted Plant Canada in Saskatoon in 2007. From then on, Plant Canada has met once every 4 years with one of its member societies hosting the meeting. It is the turn of the Canadian Botanical Association (CBA) to host Plant Canada in 2015. On invitation from the CBA, Plant Canada member societies, including the CPS, have agreed to meet jointly with eight plant societies from Canada and the United States as part of Botany 2015.

Botany 2015

- **Abstract Submission Deadline, April 1st**
- **Early Registration Deadline, May 30th**

As you can imagine, such a large meeting with over 2,000 delegates from 14 participating societies requires a lot of planning and organization. As the CPS President and a member of the six-member Plant Canada

Scientific Program Organizing Committee for Botany 2015, I have been quite busy soliciting ideas and suggestions from CPS members and interacting with the presidents of

other plant societies and the organizers of Botany 2015. This year's scientific conference, with plenary lectures, 18 symposia, 3 colloquia, and many concurrent sessions, will present unique opportunities for the delegates. Please arrive prepared for a very interactive meeting with colleagues and researchers who work on different

aspects of plants. The CPS co-sponsored symposia, CPS student poster competitions, contributed paper, and posters sessions will be part of the Botany 2015 program.

86th Annual Meeting of Members

As is the CPS annual tradition, we will hold our Annual Meeting of Members (AMOM) on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 from noon to 1:30 pm at the Shaw Conference Centre as part of Botany 2015. The Board is preparing the agenda for the AMOM and different items are being considered for discussion. I would like to include issues of importance to our membership and so please send your agenda items to me at Deena.Errampalli@agr.gc.ca, or to any other Board member.

The CPS Banquet is Back by Popular Demand

The CPS Local Arrangements Committee for Botany 2015 is working hard to organize the CPS banquet and award reception event at Fort Edmonton Park. At around 5:00 pm on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 we will travel by bus to Fort Edmonton Park and break bread with our CPS family, celebrate with awardees, and enjoy fellowship at the reception. The Board decided

to make this a ticketed event because it will be a CPS only banquet and its cost will not be a part of the general registration. Expenses in excess of the revenue from ticket sales will be covered by sponsorship. Make

sure that you register for 'CPS Banquet and award reception' at the time of registration!

Membership Benefits

Please take advantage of our membership benefits including the member registration rates at the

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Botany 2015 meeting. Student members register at one-half the cost of regular registration. Also this year, Botany 2015 is offering complimentary registration for emeritus members. The CPS relies on its membership to maintain its activities and outreach. Thank you to those who have renewed your membership for 2015. If you have not yet done so, please make sure to renew your membership as soon as possible.

Call for Annual Committee Reports

Our society is guided by the Strategic Plan. I ask the chairs of the committees to conduct your meetings and write reports based on the 3rd Strategic Plan. This is a reminder for all committee chairs that annual reports on the activities of your committees should be submitted to the June 2015 *CPS News* for publication prior to the annual members meeting in Edmonton on July 28.

Future Annual Meetings

The CPS will be meeting on its own in 2016 and 2017, which will be a change after large joint meetings in 2014 (with APS, 1,550 delegates) and 2015 (with Plant Canada and Botany 2015, with over 2,000 delegates). The meeting in June 2016 will be held in Moncton, New Brunswick, with David Joly as Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee. The meeting in June 2017 will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba with Fouad Daayf and Jim Menzies as Co-chairs of the Local Arrangements Committee.

New Look of the CPS Website

Please visit the completely redesigned CPS website at www.phytopath.ca. The homepage gives you quick and easy updates on what's happening with the CPS along with news and information. This product is the result of a great deal of work done by the CPS Website Committee and the Modern Earth Web Design Team under the direction of the CPS Board over a period of 15 months. Our goal with this new site is to provide our visitors with an easier way to learn about what the CPS does, why we do it, and how to get involved. We will be adding new items over the coming months. We hope that you find that the new website has a fresh look and is easy to use and informative. We need your suggestions and so please send feedback to us at info@Phytopath.ca.

Our Society Newsletter

The CPS News that you are currently reading is under the competent and dedicated care of Coreen Franke, CPS News Editor, and Jim Menzies, Associate CPS News Editor. Organizing the news from our Society every three months is no small task when you consider the deadlines that must be met, the need to remind members to submit their texts/committee reports, and the editing of all of all of the resulting information. Since September 2014, I have been sharing *CPS News* with some of our international colleagues and I have heard many compliments about it - some of phytopathological societies even want to adopt the *CPS News* format. A compliment indeed. On behalf of the membership, I thank Coreen and Jim for producing such informative *CPS News* issues!

Fostering Collaboration among Canadian Plant Protection Societies

The members of the three plant protection societies in Canada - the CPS, Entomological Society of Canada (ESC) and Canadian Weed Science Society (CWSS) - work toward protection of food from diseases, pests, and weeds. We believe that collaboration among our societies will be mutually beneficial in achieving our common goal of sustainable agriculture and secure food supplies, both nationally and globally. The presidents of the CPS (Deena Errampalli), CWSS (Eric Johnson), and ESC (Staffan Lindgren) are continuing the dialog and are looking for ways to develop collaboration. One of the initiatives is to include in our respective newsletters/bulletins an 'amplified' Table of Contents of the other Societies' newsletters. Please see the Table of Contents of the ESC bulletin on page 26 in this issue. We will provide updates on other initiatives as information becomes available.

First Speaker Exchange Program between the CPS and BSPP

In the spirit of fostering international collaboration, I am pleased to announce that the first speaker exchange program between the CPS and British Society of Plant Pathology (BSPP) will begin in 2016. To give you some background, I met Prof. Lesley Torrance, then the President of the BSPP, at the European Foundation for Plant Pathology

Conference in Krakow, Poland in September, 2014. She and I discussed a speaker exchange program to promote collaboration between the CPS and BSPP. After returning from the conference in Krakow, we presented this initiative to our respective Boards of Directors. The Boards on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean agreed to support the initiative with a first exchange in 2016 and review in 2020. One CPS member will attend and present a talk at the BSPP Presidential meeting in one year and the next year one BSPP member will travel to Canada to attend and present a talk at the CPS annual meeting.

Congratulations to Phytopathological Society of Japan on Your 100th Anniversary

The Phytopathological Society of Japan (PSJ) will be celebrating their centenary on March 28, 2015 in Tokyo, Japan. As a token of our friendship and collaboration with our sister society across the Pacific Ocean, a congratulatory plaque and a centenary congratulatory message from the CPS President will be presented during their 100th anniversary celebrations. Following the ceremony, the congratulatory plaque will be displayed in PSJ head office.



Your Suggestions to Improve the CPS

During the past six months, I have had the good fortune to communicate with many CPS members at annual and regional meetings and to hear good suggestions from our student members all the way to our emeritus members. Thank you for this valuable input. The Board strives to incorporate as many of your suggestions as possible as we to continue to provide enhanced services for our members. The 4th Strategic Planning Committee is busy preparing the next plan for 2016-2021 and I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to send us your suggestions on how we can improve the CPS to better serve you. Please send your input to Deena.Errampalli@agr.gc.ca.

See you in Edmonton from July 25-29, 2015!

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Deena Errampalli
President, Canadian Phytopathological Society



Message de la présidente

Quand vous lirez ce numéro de *CPS/SCP News*, vous vous apprêterez à accueillir le printemps. Parlant de ce dernier, je dois avouer que c'est ma saison préférée à cause du réchauffement du sol, du splendide étalage des bulbes qui fleurissent et du paysage qui reverdit. Au mois de mai, les pommiers, les pêchers et les cerisiers en fleurs signalent le retour de l'agrotourisme dans la région du Niagara du sud de l'Ontario, où je travaille et habite. Tandis que le public se réjouit des floraisons, le printemps soulève des préoccupations quant à la lutte contre les maladies des arbres fruitiers, y compris la tavelure du pommier, chez les phytopathologistes qui travaillent dans cette région. Je souhaite à mes collègues et amis qui préparent des expériences en vue de gérer les maladies des grandes cultures ainsi que des cultures horticoles tout le succès possible pour ce qui est de trouver des solutions aux problèmes qui surgiront au champ comme en laboratoire.

Réunion scientifique annuelle de la SCP

C'est avec beaucoup d'enthousiasme que je vous convie à assister à la conférence annuelle de la Société canadienne de phytopathologie (SCP) qui se tiendra cette année du 25 au 29 juillet à Edmonton, en Alberta, dans le cadre de Botany 2015. Les six sociétés membres de Plant Canada (www.plantcanada.ca) ainsi que huit autres sociétés de biologie végétale participeront à cette conférence diversifiée. Si vous vous demandez pourquoi la SCP participe à cette réunion conjointe, en voici un bref historique. Il y a dix ans, afin d'encourager la collaboration entre les sociétés de biologie végétale au Canada, la SCP a décidé, en 2005, de participer à la réunion de Plant Canada. Deux ans plus tard, la SCP a accueilli Plant Canada à Saskatoon. Depuis, Plant Canada a tenu une réunion tous les quatre ans



Botany 2015

- Échéancier pour la soumission de résumés : 1^{er} avril
- Échéancier pour inscription à tarif préférentiel : 30 mai

avec la société membre qui accueille la réunion. C'est au tour de l'Association botanique du Canada (ABC) d'accueillir Plant Canada en 2015. À l'invitation de l'ABC, les sociétés membres de Plant Canada, y compris la SCP, se sont entendues pour se réunir avec huit sociétés canadiennes et américaines de biologie végétale dans le cadre de Botany 2015.

Comme vous pouvez l'imaginer, une telle réunion à laquelle assisteront plus de 2 000 délégués de 14 sociétés différentes requiert énormément de planification et d'organisation. En tant que présidente de la SCP et qu'un des six membres du Comité organisateur du programme scientifique de Plant Canada pour Botany 2015, j'ai été

passablement occupée à solliciter des idées et des suggestions des membres de la SCP et à interagir avec les présidents des autres sociétés et les organisateurs de Botany 2015.

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Cette année, la conférence scientifique, avec 18 symposiums, 3 colloques et plusieurs séances simultanées, offrira des possibilités uniques aux délégués. S’il vous plaît, soyez préparés à participer à une réunion des plus interactives avec des collègues et des chercheurs qui travaillent sur différents aspects des plantes. Les symposiums

subventionnés par la SCP, les concours d'affiches réalisées par des étudiants, les communications et les séances de présentation d'affiches seront au programme de Botany 2015.

86^e assemblée annuelle des membres

Comme c'est maintenant la tradition à la SCP, nous tiendrons notre assemblée annuelle des membres (AAM) le mardi 28 juillet 2015, de midi à 13 h 30, au Shaw Conference Centre, toujours dans le cadre de Botany 2015. Le conseil prépare l'ordre du jour de l'AAM et différents sujets sont envisagés comme thèmes de discussion. Je souhaiterais y inclure des sujets qui importent à nos membres, alors, s'il vous plaît, transmettez-moi vos points à inscrire à l'ordre du jour à Deena.Errampalli@agr.gc.ca, ou à tout autre membre du conseil.

À la demande générale, le banquet de la SCP revient

Le comité national organisateur de la SCP pour Botany 2015 travaille avec acharnement pour organiser le banquet de la SCP et la réception de remise de prix au Fort Edmonton Park. Le mardi 28 juillet, vers 17 h, les membres de la SCP se rendront en autobus au Fort Edmonton Park pour y casser la croûte, célébrer avec les lauréats et nouer des liens d'amitié durant la réception. Le conseil a décidé d'en faire un événement payant parce qu'il s'agit d'un banquet réservé aux membres de la SCP et que le prix de l'inscription générale n'inclut pas son coût. Les dépenses excédant la vente des billets seront couvertes par parrainage. Lors de l'inscription générale, assurez-vous de vous inscrire à « Banquet et réception de remise de prix de la SCP ».

Avantages de l'adhésion

S'il vous plaît, profitez des avantages que vous offre votre adhésion, y compris des taux d'inscription à Botany 2015 pour les membres. Les membres étudiants peuvent s'y inscrire pour la moitié du prix courant. De plus, cette année, Botany 2015 offre l'inscription gratuite aux membres émérites. La SCP compte sur ses membres pour maintenir ses activités et son rayonnement. Merci à ceux qui ont renouvelé leur adhésion pour 2015. Si vous ne l'avez pas encore fait, assurez-vous de la renouveler le plus tôt possible.

Remise des rapports annuels des comités

Notre société est guidée par le plan stratégique. Je demande aux présidents des comités de procéder à vos réunions et de rédiger vos rapports en fonction du 3^e Plan stratégique. Cela est un rappel à tous les présidents de comités que le rapport annuel concernant les activités de vos comités doivent être remis pour publication dans le numéro de juin de *CPS/SCP News*, soit avant l'assemblée annuelle des membres à Edmonton, le 28 juillet.

Prochaines réunions annuelles

En 2016 et 2017, les réunions de la SCP ne concerneront que ses membres, ce qui fera changement après les grandes réunions conjointes de 2014 (avec la SAP, 1 550 délégués) et de 2015 (avec Plant Canada et Botany 2015, avec plus de 2 000 délégués). La réunion de juin 2016 se tiendra à Moncton, au Nouveau-Brunswick, avec David Joly comme directeur du comité national organisateur. En 2017, la réunion se tiendra à Winnipeg, au Manitoba, avec Fouad Daayf et Jim Menzies comme codirecteurs du comité national organisateur.

Nouveau visage du site Web de la SCP

S'il vous plaît, consultez le site Web complètement remanié de la SCP à l'adresse suivante : www.phytopath.ca. La page d'accueil vous offre des mises à jour rapidement et facilement accessibles sur ce qui se passe à la SCP, en plus des nouvelles et de l'information. Ce produit est le résultat d'une énorme somme de travail effectué pendant 15 mois par le comité du site Web de la SCP et l'équipe du Modern Earth Web Design sous la direction du conseil de la SCP. Avec ce nouveau site, notre but est de fournir aux visiteurs un accès plus simple et direct à ce que fait la SCP et aux raisons pour lesquelles elle le fait, ainsi qu'à ceux qui désirent s'impliquer dans la SCP. Dans les mois à venir, nous ajouterons de nouvelles rubriques. Nous espérons que le nouveau site Web est à la hauteur de vos attentes, que ce soit en ce qui a trait à sa convivialité, à sa facilité de consultation et à son contenu informatif. Nous avons besoin de vos suggestions alors, s'il vous plaît, n'hésitez pas à nous les transmettre à l'adresse suivante : info@Phytopath.ca.

Le bulletin de notre société

Le *CPS/SCP News* que vous lisez actuellement est le fruit de la compétence et du dévouement de sa rédactrice en chef, Coreen Franke, et de son rédacteur en chef adjoint, Jim Menzies. Lorsque l'on considère les échéanciers à respecter, les rappels aux membres quant à la soumission de leurs articles ou de leurs rapports et la révision de toute l'information qui en résulte, il s'avère évident que l'organisation, tous les trois mois, de l'information concernant notre société n'est pas une mince affaire. Depuis septembre 2014, je partage le bulletin avec quelques-uns de nos collègues internationaux et j'ai reçu de nombreux compliments à son sujet — certaines sociétés de phytopathologie songent même à en adopter le format. C'est en effet tout un compliment! Au nom de tous les membres, je remercie Coreen et Jim pour la production de numéros aussi informatifs de *CPS/SCP News*.

Promotion de la collaboration entre les sociétés canadiennes de protection des plantes

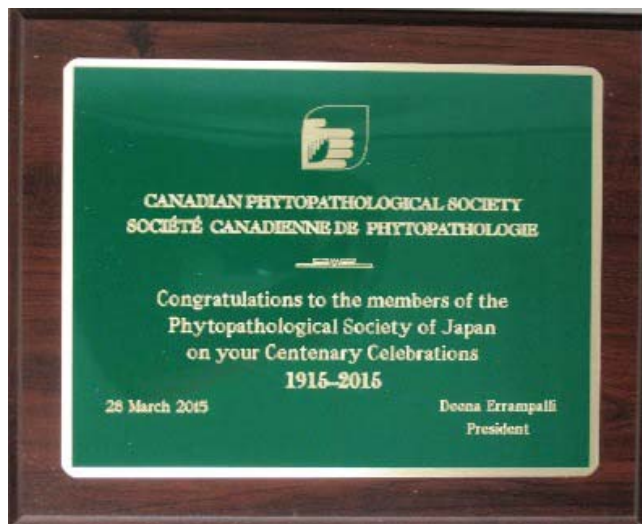
Les membres des trois sociétés canadiennes de protection des plantes — la SCP, la Société d'entomologie du Canada (SEC) et la Société canadienne de malherbologie (SCM) — poursuivent un objectif commun de la plus haute importance : protéger les sources de nourriture contre les maladies, les organismes nuisibles et les mauvaises herbes. Nous croyons que la collaboration entre nos sociétés nous aidera à atteindre nos objectifs que sont l'agriculture durable et la sécurité alimentaire, et ce, à l'échelle nationale et mondiale. Les présidents de la SCP (Deena Errampalli), de la SCM (Eric Johnson) et de la SEC (Staffan Lindgren) entretiennent le dialogue et cherchent des façons de renforcer la collaboration. Pour ce faire, une des initiatives lancées est d'inclure dans nos bulletins respectifs les tables des matières « détaillées » des bulletins des autres sociétés. Veuillez noter que vous trouverez la table des matières du bulletin de la SEC à la page 26 de ce numéro. À mesure que l'information sera disponible, nous vous tiendrons au courant des autres initiatives proposées.

Premier programme d'échange de conférenciers entre la SCP et la SBP

Dans le cadre de la promotion de la collaboration internationale, j'ai le plaisir d'annoncer que le premier programme d'échange de conférenciers entre la SCP et la Société britannique de phytopathologie (SBP) débutera en 2016. Pour vous dresser un tableau de la situation, en septembre 2014, j'ai rencontré la professeure Lesley Torrance, alors présidente de la SBP, à la conférence de la Fondation européenne de pathologie végétale à Cracovie, en Pologne. Nous avons discuté d'un programme d'échange de conférenciers afin de promouvoir la collaboration entre la SCP et la SBP. De retour de la conférence, nous avons présenté cette idée à nos conseils d'administration respectifs. Les conseils des deux côtés de l'Atlantique ont été d'accord pour appuyer l'idée en s'entendant pour organiser un premier échange en 2016 et procéder à un bilan en 2020. Une année, un membre de la SCP assistera à la réunion du président de la SBP et y donnera une conférence et, l'année suivante, ce sera au tour du membre de la SBP de venir au Canada et de donner une conférence dans le cadre de la réunion annuelle de la SCP.

Félicitations à la Société japonaise de phytopathologie pour son 100^e anniversaire

La Société japonaise de phytopathologie (SJP) fêtera son centenaire le 28 mars 2015 à Tokyo, au Japon. En gage d'amitié envers notre société sœur



d'outre-Pacifique et pour souligner notre collaboration, une plaque commémorative et un message de félicitations de la présidente de la SCP lui seront présentés dans le cadre des célébrations de son 100^e anniversaire. Après la cérémonie, la plaque sera exposée au siège social de la SJP.

Vos suggestions pour améliorer la SCP

Au cours des six derniers mois, j'ai eu la chance d'entrer en contact avec plusieurs membres de la SCP, que ce soit lors de la réunion annuelle ou dans le cadre de réunions régionales, et d'écouter de bonnes suggestions de la part de membres appartenant à toutes les catégories, des membres étudiants aux membres émérites. Merci pour cette précieuse contribution! Le conseil s'efforce de donner suite au plus grand nombre possible de suggestions, puisque nous désirons continuer d'offrir des services améliorés à nos membres. Le 4^e Comité de la planification stratégique travaille à élaborer le prochain plan pour 2016-2021. Je vous enjoins donc de profiter de cette occasion pour nous transmettre vos suggestions concernant les façons d'améliorer la SCP afin de mieux vous servir. S'il vous plaît, envoyez vos suggestions à l'adresse suivante : Deena.Errampalli@agr.gc.ca.

Au plaisir de vous voir à Edmonton du 25 au 29 juillet 2015!

Le tout respectueusement soumis par :

Deena Errampalli, présidente
Société canadienne de phytopathologie

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Phytopathologie**



CPS Calendar of Events

April 2015

- 1 Abstract Submission Deadline for Botany 2015 Meeting
- 16 CPS Maritime Region Meeting, AAFC, Fredericton, NB

May 2015

- 30 Early bird Registration Deadline for Botany 2015 Meeting

July 2015

- 25-29 Botany 2015 Meetings, Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton, AB
- 26 Conference Opening Ceremony and Plenary Lecture (7 PM)
Conference Opening Reception (8 PM)
- 28 CPS Annual Meeting of Members (NOON – 1:30 PM)
CPS Banquet & Awards – Ft. Edmonton Park (6 – 10 PM)
- 29 Plant Canada Reception (7 – 8 PM)
All Societies Celebrate! (8-11 PM)



Regional Meeting Reports

Southwestern Ontario Regional Association of the CPS (SORA-CPS) Meeting Report 2014

On November 7, 2014, Southwestern Ontario Regional Association of the CPS (SORA-CPS) held its annual meeting from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm at Best Western Stone Ridge Inn & Conference Centre, 6675 Burtwistle Lane, London, Ontario. The meeting was attended by over 40 attendees including students, plant pathologists, researchers, extension specialists and industry representatives. The program for the meeting included three invited talks and 12 poster presentations on a wide range of phytopathological topics. The organizers thank BASF for their sponsorship to supplement student registration fees and thank Syngenta for sponsoring the student best poster cash prizes.

Registration with coffee and cookies started at 9:30 am.

Dr. Ken Conn, Regional Representative of SORA-CPS and CPS Treasurer (2012-) presented opening remarks and welcomed the participants to SORA-CPS annual meeting. Dr. Deena Errampalli (CPS President) brought greetings from the CPS Board of Directors and CPS membership to SORA-CPS. She provided an update on national topics. The CPS has successfully transitioned to the new Canada not-for-profit Corporations Act in September 2014. She highlighted other initiatives that were introduced to encourage member participation. Beginning in 2015, technicians can now become members of the CPS at a cost of 50% of the regular member rate. Student members will pay registration fees at 50% of the regular member rate at the CPS annual meetings. Also highlighted were student travel awards available through the Society. Another major initiative includes fostering collaborations between CPS and international and national plant protection societies. Dr. Errampalli invited all the participants to attend the next CPS annual members meeting to be held from noon to 1:30 pm on July 28,

2015 in Edmonton, Alberta, and also to attend Botany 2015, a joint meeting of 13 plant societies from Canada and the US from July 25-29, 2015 in Edmonton.

There were three invited talks which provided updates on diseases of horticultural crops and ginseng and medicinal herbs during the 2014 growing season and possible solutions for control of some of the crop diseases.

Specialty Crop Diseases: Major Impact, Minimal Solutions by Dr. Sean Westerveld, Ginseng & Medicinal Herbs Specialist, OMAFRA, Simcoe, ON.

Solatenol™ Fungicide and oxathiapiprolin: two new active ingredients by Jennifer Foster, Syngenta, Guelph, ON.

Disease Issues of Horticulture Crops during the 2014 Season by Michael Celetti, Horticulture Crops Program Lead, OMAFRA, Guelph, ON.

This year there were seven student poster presentations:

Regulation of the *Verticillium* wilt (*Ve*) resistance genes in tomato plants. C. D. M. CASTROVERDE, L.G.M. DE ÁVILA, V. AMAYA, R. N. NAZAR AND E. J. ROBB. *Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, College of Biological Science, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON N1G 2W1, Canada*

Soil amendments for the management of *Fusarium* wilt in spinach. B. D. COLLINS, M. R. MCDONALD, L. J. DU TOIT, AND S. WESTERVELD. *Department of Plant Agriculture, University of Guelph, 50 Stone Road East, Guelph, ON N1G 2W1, Canada; (L.J.) Department of Plant Pathology, Washington State University Mount Vernon, 16650 State Route 536, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, USA; and (S.W) Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), 1283 Blueline Road, Simcoe, ON N3Y 4N5, Canada*

Environmental parameters influencing clubroot incidence and severity on canola. T. J. CRANMER, B. D. GOSSEN AND M. R. MCDONALD. *Department of Plant Agriculture, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON, N1G 2W1, Canada; and (B.D.G.) Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Saskatoon Research Centre, Saskatoon, SK S7N 0X2, Canada*

The effect of organic fungicides on apple scab (*Venturia inaequalis*) in McIntosh apples. A. HALDAR, A. ZWIEP, C. JACKSON, K. SCHNEIDER AND D. ERRAMPALLI. *(D.E.) Southern Crop Protection and Food Research Centre (SCPFRC), Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) 4902 Victoria Ave. N., Vineland Station, ON L0R 2E0, Canada*

Identification of multiple fungicide resistance in *Botrytis cinerea* from strawberries. C. JACKSON, A. ZWIEP, A. HALDAR, and D. ERRAMPALLI. *(DE) Southern Crop and Food Research Center, Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada, 4902 Victoria Ave N., Vineland Station, ON L0R 2E0, Canada*

Controlling root-knot nematode (*Meloidogyne hapla*) on carrots and tomatoes with non-fumigant nematicides in Ontario. D. VAN DYK, K. JORDAN, AND M. R. MCDONALD. *Department of Plant Agriculture, University of Guelph, 50 Stone Road East, Guelph ON N1G 2W1, Canada*

Investigating the age-related resistance response of *Arabidopsis thaliana* to *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *tomato*. D.C. WILSON, P. CARELLA, AND R.K. CAMERON. *Department of Biology, McMaster University, 1280 Main St. W., Hamilton, ON L8S 4L8, Canada*

Student Awards Presentation

Albert Tenuta, Sean Westerveld, and Michael Celetti participated as judges for the student poster presentation competition. Dr. Ken Conn announced the three prizes to Student poster competition winners and Dr. Deena Errampalli had the honour of presenting the awards. The first prize for the best student poster presentation was awarded to Chelsea Jackson (supervisor: Dr. D. Errampalli), the second prize went to Brian Collins (supervisor: Dr. M.R. McDonald), and the third prize went to Danve Castroverde (supervisor: Dr. E.J. Robb). Also, Dr.

Errampalli had the pleasure of awarding 2014 best student poster award, won at the 2014 CPS-APS meeting in Minneapolis in August, to Erin Morrison. Congratulations to all students that entered the competition and to the poster award winners.

Business meeting

Dr. Ken Conn conducted the business meeting following the formal talks and poster presentations. Regional funds are in good shape. Impact of travel restrictions was evident resulting in low participation by government research and extension personnel. This is a cause for concern. He thanked the judges of the student poster competition, and the local arrangements committee for putting together a one day program. Thanks to SORA CPS Local Arrangements Committee (Dr. Ken Conn, Dr. Deena Errampalli, Chelsea Jackson and Aparna Haldar).

Dr. Errampalli recognized Dr. Ken Conn's contributions as the Chair of the SORA CPS for the past 7 years. The SORA-CPS regional meeting for 2015 is planned to be held in November. After holding the Regional meetings in London for the past 7 years, the group hopes to meet in Niagara Falls in 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Deena Errampalli
Chair, SORA-CPS Local Arrangements Committee
and CPS President)

Ken Conn, SORA-CPS, Regional Representative

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Canadian Phytopathological Society**



Group Photo SORA-CPS 2014



Above: From left - Dr. Ken Conn, Chelsea Jackson (best poster - 1st prize), Danve Castroverde (3rd prize), and Brian Collins (2nd prize)



Left: Recognition of Dr. Kenneth Conn for his seven years of service as the Representative of SORA-CPS

Report on the 35th Annual Meeting of the Plant Pathology Society of Alberta, Canmore, Alberta, October 27-29, 2014

This past fall, Plant Pathology Society of Alberta (PPSA) members from the Lacombe Research Centre, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Lacombe, AB, and Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development (AARD) organized the 35th Annual Meeting of the Plant Pathology Society of Alberta, Canmore, Alberta, October 27-29, 2014. The meeting was held at the Best Western Plus, Pocaterra Inn, an excellent location and opportunity for attendees to enjoy some scenic mountain vistas.

The meeting started off with a reception at the Best Western Plus, Pocaterra Inn, during the evening of October 27, 2014. A key feature of the reception was a wide-selection of craft beers from select breweries in Canada and the USA, and made with malt produced by Rahr Malting, Co. of Alix, Alberta. The reception was a chance for attendees to renew acquaintances and to discuss ongoing research in plant pathology in a relaxed informal setting.

The scientific program for the 2014 PPSA covered oral and poster presentations on Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Tuesday morning started with welcoming addresses from Kelly Turkington, Chair of the Local Organizing Committee, and Dr. Deena Errampalli, CPS-SCP President. Next we had keynote presentations from Drs. Ron Howard, AARD Brooks, and Mary Burrows, Montana State University. Ron presented an overview of plant pathology in Alberta during his 40-year career, while Mary presented an outline of research, education, and outreach efforts in Montana regarding the wheat streak mosaic virus. The keynote presentations were then followed by oral and poster presentations by students, technical staff and scientists. In total there were 13 oral presentations, including the keynote presentations by Ron and Mary, while the poster session on Tuesday afternoon featured a total of 16 posters.

Tuesday's oral and poster sessions were followed by a banquet and awards ceremony at the Gaucho Brazilian Barbecue, on Main Street, in Canmore, AB. PPSA attendees enjoyed a vast array of Brazilian food including a large selection of barbecued meat.



View of the Rocky Mountains from the Best Western Plus, Pocaterra Inn, October 2014



PPSA Attendees 2014



Jackie Busaan helping Kelly decide on what craft beer to feature at the 2014 PPSA meeting reception



CPS President Deena Errampalli and Newsletter Editor Coreen Franke enjoy some special banquet desserts served at Gaucho Brazilian Barbecue (no, we did not eat them all ourselves!)

Some attendees also enjoyed a Caipirinha or two, which is Brazil's national cocktail made with cachaça (sugar cane hard liquor), sugar, and muddled lime. The awards ceremony featured recognition of recipients of the PPSA Scholarship, and presentations for the best student and technician oral presentations and the best technician poster presentation. The awards were as follows: PPSA Scholarship of \$1000.00 was awarded to Samira Safarieskandari, University of Alberta; Best Student Oral Presentation \$100.00 was awarded to Krista Zuzak, University of Alberta; Best Technician Oral Presentation \$100.00 was awarded to Michele Frick, Lethbridge Research Centre, AAFC; Best Technician Poster Presentation \$100.00 was awarded to Michael Holtz, AARD Lacombe. The student and technical staff award recipients also received copies of the History of Plant Pathology in Canada. Not presented at the awards ceremony in Canmore, but done at a later date was the T. Swanson Scholarship \$1000.00 awarded to Barbara Ziesman, University of Alberta.

On Wednesday morning the 2014 PPSA meeting wrapped up with the final oral paper session and the annual PPSA business meeting.



Dr. Denis Gaudet presents the PPSA Scholarship to Samira Safarieskandari from the University of Alberta

The Local Organizing Committee would like to graciously thank the sponsors of the 2014 Annual PPSA meeting including: Alberta Barley, Alberta Canola Commission, Alberta Wheat Commission, Rahr Malting Co. Inc., BASF, Bayer CropScience, Syngenta, 20/20 Seed Labs Inc., and BioVision Seed Labs, Inc., for their generous support. The organizers would also like to thank the attendees of the 2014 PPSA meeting for helping to create a stimulating scientific program on plant pathology research and for their camaraderie during the meeting.

The local arrangements committee for the 2014 PPSA meeting included:

Kelly Turkington (Chair)

Deb Clark (Meeting venue, accommodation and meals)

Noryne Rauhala (Registration and reception)

Jackie Busaan (Reception and general meeting arrangements)

Krishan Kumar (Abstracts)

Kequan Xi (Scientific program)

Michael Holtz (A/V and technology)

Linda Vandermaar (General meeting arrangements and posters)

Robyne Bowness (Posters)

The local arrangements committee would like to extend a special thank you to Deb Clark. Deb was instrumental in arranging for the meeting venue, accommodations, and the banquet. The 2014 PPSA meeting was Deb's final meeting as she is now retired from AAFC. Deb's meeting and banquet organizational skills and expertise will be greatly missed by her colleagues at Lacombe.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the 2014 PPSA meeting Local Organizing Committee,

T. Kelly Turkington





Krista Zuzak (U of A) receives the prize for Best Student Oral Presentation

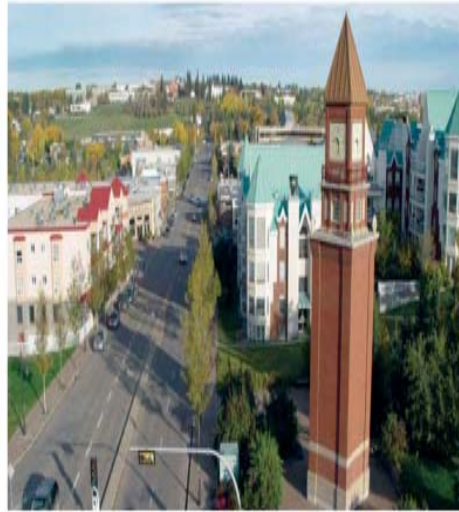
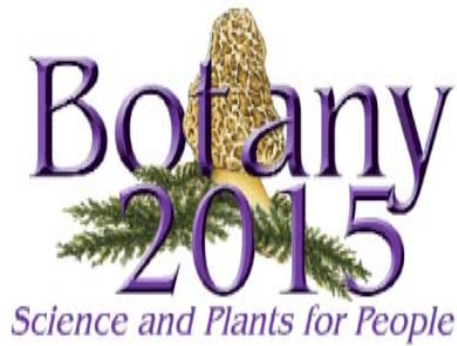


Best Technician Oral Presentation award goes to Michele Frick, AAFC Lethbridge Research Centre



Best Technician Poster Presentation is awarded to Michael Holtz, AARD Lacombe.

Announcements



July 25 - 29, 2015 [The Shaw Conference Centre](http://www.botanyconference.org/) Edmonton,
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Please note that this is 2015 CPS annual conference.
This year, CPS along with Plant Canada is meeting jointly with seven other plant societies at Botany 2015 .

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2. What can Next Generation Fungal Genome Sequencing do for you?

Contributed paper sessions (oral presentations - submit your abstract)

1. Host/Plant Pathogen Interactions and Plant Health Management
2. Biological Control of Diseases and Weeds (CFBC)

Publication of abstracts in CJPP

Since CPS is meeting with Botany 2015 in Edmonton this year, abstracts submitted to the conference will not be published in CJPP as usual. If you wish to publish your abstract in CJPP, please send the abstract by e-mail and fees of \$25 - by post to Dr. Ken Conn (see attached).

CPS Meetings

- Sun July 26 6:30 pm - Botany 2015 Opening Ceremony, Plenary Lecture, and All Society Opening Reception
- Tue July 28, Noon to 1:30 pm (lunch provided) - Annual General Meeting
- Tue July 28, 6:00 to 10:00 pm, Banquet and Awards Reception at Fort Edmonton (Ticketed item, CAD \$50 per person).
- Wed July 29, 6:00-7:00 pm – Plant Canada Reception
- Wed July 29, 8:00-10:00 pm - Awards including one CPS award, will be presented at “All Society Celebrate”

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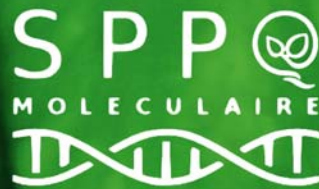
See you in Edmonton

Deena Errampalli

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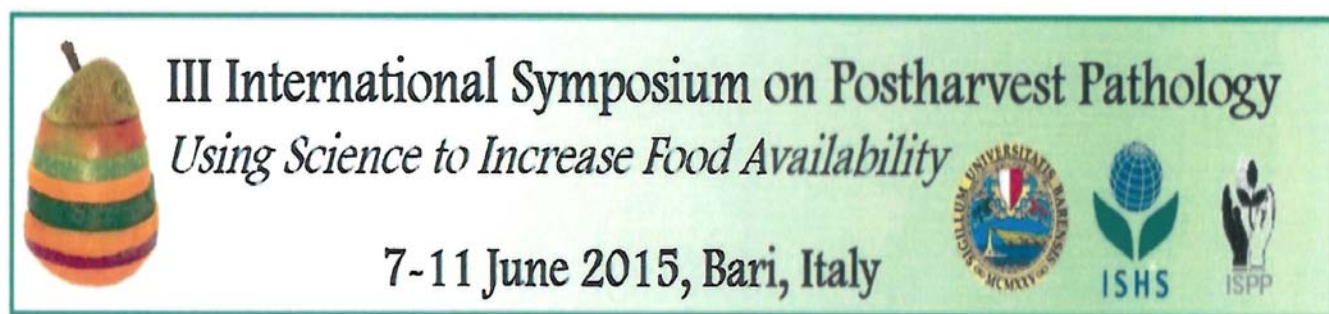
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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Organizing and Scientific Committees, it is our pleasure to invite you to attend the “III International Symposium on Postharvest Pathology: Using Science to Increase Food Availability” that will be held in Bari (Italy), June 7-11, 2015, under the aegis of the International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS) and the International Society of Plant Pathology (ISPP).

The first ISHS symposium on this topic was held four years ago (2010) in Leesburg, VA, USA, and focused on the biological control of postharvest diseases. The second was held in 2013 in Kusadasi, Turkey, and broadened the topic to include a variety of innovative new approaches to postharvest disease control. The third meeting, to be held in Bari, will further broaden the topic as it will be held in collaboration with the Postharvest Pathology Subject Matter Committee of the ISPP, who last met in 2011 in Lleida, Spain. The upcoming symposium in Bari will explore a wide-range of recent advances in postharvest pathology and disease control. The long-term goal of this series of symposia is to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, methods, technologies, and ideas among scientists, industry, producers, and retailers in order to develop effective, appropriate, and commercially-viable approaches to postharvest disease management of fruit and vegetables, that will help to prevent the loss of vital food resources in all of the vastly different types of production chains and markets. Demand for safe and nutritious produce is rapidly growing as the world population increases, and yields are threatened by global climate change. Preserving the quality of harvested products represents a very significant approach to address the challenge of providing and maintaining an adequate food supply.

The symposium will include invited lectures, contributed oral and poster presentations, and exhibitions. Opportunities to visit packinghouses, production sites, and places of local interest during the symposium will also be arranged.

Tentative sessions

- Molecular and Genomic Approaches to Study Fruit-Pathogen interactions The Microbiome and Its Relation to Postharvest Disease Management Toxic Fungal Metabolites and Postharvest Pathology
- Epidemiology and Detection of Postharvest Pathogens
- Controlling Postharvest Diseases: I. Evaluation of New Chemistries
- Controlling Postharvest Diseases: II. Alternative means
- Integrated Approaches for the Management of Postharvest Pathogens
- Climate Change and New Challenges to Postharvest Disease management

You will have the occasion to enjoy, the food, weather, history, friendly people, and the many attractions that Bari has to offer. The city is located on the Adriatic Sea, between the heel and the spur of the boot of the Italian peninsula, close to the Unesco World Heritage sites of Alberobello and Castel del Monte.

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Looking forward to welcoming you in Bari.

Yours Sincerely,

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Pest Management Centre

A Special Session on Bacterial Diseases

The Pest Management Centre is hosting a special Session on Bacterial Diseases which will take place on March 23rd, 2015 from 3:00 - 6:00 pm in Gatineau, QC, the afternoon before the Biopesticide and Minor use Pesticides Annual Pathology Workshop. This special session aims to inform stakeholders of integrated approaches to management of key bacterial diseases and to identify gaps in these approaches; to identify potential conventional,

biopesticide, or alternative solutions in the pipeline; and, to determine an approach regarding priority selection for bacterial disease at the pathology workshop the following day. Researchers with promising management options for bacterial diseases in development are encouraged to contact the session organizer, Shirley Archambault at Shirley.archambault@agr.gc.ca.

People and Awards

Dr. Prem Kharbanda recognized in China

Dr. Prem Kharbanda, Emeritus Scientist at the Alberta Innovates-Technology Futures (previously Alberta Research Council), Edmonton, Canada was among the nine international scientists from seven countries recognized for their significant contribution towards economic and social development in Xinjiang Province, China. At the invitation of the Xinjiang Province, Dr. Kharbanda travelled to Urumqi, capital of Xinjiang, to receive the First Oasis Friendship Award at a Gala ceremony on September 27, 2014.

Dr. Kharbanda has helped the scientists at the Shihezi Research Institute to establish a crop disease diagnostic laboratory and identify various diseases of tomato, cotton, and peppers which cause serious economic losses in Xinjiang every

year. He initiated this project in 2004 when he was selected by the Canadian Executive Services Organization (CESO) as a volunteer expert to solve a serious disease problem on tomato crops in Xinjiang. That major problem turned out to be Blossom End Rot. Since then, Dr. Kharbanda has worked very closely with Prof. Lu Xinde and Ms. Marion Guo at the Shihezi Vegetable Research Institute (SVRI) Shihezi, Xinjiang, and identified Verticillium and Fusarium wilts as major disease problems of economic concern in tomato, cotton, and peppers. Some of the findings on molecular identification of these fungi were presented at the 10th International Congress of Plant Pathology in Beijing in 2013. During his recent visit, Dr. Kharbanda delivered lectures on organic farming and disease biocontrol at SVRI, and also introduced new techniques in isolating disease biocontrol microbes from cotton and tomato rhizosphere.



Publications and Opportunities



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PMC – Email Notification

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's [Pest Management Centre](#) periodically sends out notifications on new information such as: Minor Use Submission and Registration reports, Crop Profiles, Sustainable Crop Protection factsheets, Pesticide Risk Reduction [project results](#) and the [PMC newsletter](#) - published periodically to communicate the activities of the PMC. To receive [E-mail Notifications](#) via the listserv, register through the [PMC website](#).

Périodiquement, le [Centre de la lutte antiparasitaire](#) d'Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada envoie des avis aux abonnés portant sur des nouvelles informations du CLA telles que: le rapport de Soumissions et homologations du Programme des pesticide à usage limité, les profils de culture, les fiches d'information sur la protection durable des cultures, les [résultats des projets](#) de mise en œuvre du Programme de réduction des risques liés aux pesticides et les [Bulletins d'information du CLA](#) – ces information sont publiées régulièrement pour communiquer les activités du CLA. Pour recevoir des [Avis par courriel](#) via le serveur de liste, inscrivez-vous sur le [site Web du CLA](#).



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The Global Plant Protection News (GPPN) is produced by the International Association for the Plant Protection Sciences (IAPPS). The GPPN is designed to provide a service to the global IAPPS Membership and to promote Global IPM. With members from more than 60 nations, the organization seeks to stimulate the development and exchange of plant protection information among researchers (entomologists, plant pathologists, nematologists, weed scientists, plant breeders, social scientists, economists, and crop production and marketing specialists), extension specialists, growers, policy makers, administrators,

crop protection consultants, and environmental and other interested groups. IAPPS provides a global forum for the purpose of identifying, evaluating, integrating, and promoting plant protection concepts, technologies, and policies which are economically, environmentally, and socially acceptable.

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International Association for the Plant Protection Sciences

Feed the Future Innovation Lab

Funding Opportunity

Virginia Tech awarded \$18 million to implement integrated pest management program in developing countries

Virginia Tech has won a new \$18 million, five-year grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) for a research program that will work to raise the standard of living of people around the world through environmentally sound agricultural practices as part of [Feed the Future](#), the U.S. Government's global hunger and food security initiative.

The Feed the Future Innovation Lab (formerly Collaborative Research Support Program) for [Integrated Pest Management](#) will conduct research and extension activities with farmers, counterpart universities, and host-country government research institutes to implement ecologically sustainable pest and disease control strategies. The predecessor programs to this new award have been led by [Virginia Tech University](#) for the past 21 years. USAID recently announced that Virginia Tech would once again lead the program, a move that represents a vote of confidence in the work that has been ongoing since 1993. The new program will have a strong foundation in areas such as sustainable intensification, ecological service provision, ecological research, and empowerment of women farmers.

"We've been forming partnerships, conducting research, and getting to know farmers all over the world for the past two decades," said [Rangaswamy "Muni" Muniappan](#), who has led the Innovation Lab since 2006. "Our work has shown great results, and we look forward to continuing the fight against hunger."

The competitively-awarded program will address new and emerging pest problems that plague

farmers in the developing world, as well as model and manage the spread of invasive species. Program scientists will also be investigating ways to preserve biodiversity and offset the impacts of climate change on agricultural pests and diseases.

The new Innovation Lab, managed by Virginia Tech's [Office of International Research, Education, and Development](#), will commit its core resources to Ethiopia, Kenya, and Tanzania in Africa and to Vietnam, Cambodia, Burma, Nepal, and Bangladesh in Asia.

The Asian arm of the program will include two main sub-programs: one focused on rice in Burma and Cambodia, and a second on horticultural crops in Vietnam, Cambodia, Nepal, and Bangladesh. The Nepal program will additionally address integrated pest management for grains and climate change impacts.

The projects in eastern Africa will focus on innovative crop protection research for increased production and preservation of high-priority Feed the Future staple crops like maize, wheat, and chickpea in Ethiopia; rice and maize in Tanzania; and high-value vegetables in Kenya and Tanzania. The program will also research and implement new strategies to control existing and emergent pest infestations in countries where farmers with limited resources are predicted to be heavily affected by climate variability.

"This program has been working on the ground with poor farmers, making a difference in their lives, and contributing to global food security," said Guru Ghosh, vice president for [Outreach and International Affairs](#) at Virginia Tech. "We're pleased to have the opportunity to learn from past challenges and build on our successes."

For more information regarding the IPM Innovation Lab and the requests for concept notes please see <http://www.oired.vt.edu/ipmcrsp/>



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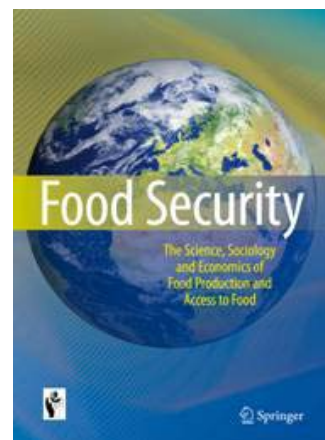
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In Memorium



Colin Douglas McKeen, 1916-2014

One of the longest-standing members of CPS, Dr. Colin D. McKeen, passed away suddenly and peacefully in Orangeville, Ontario, on 30 August 2014, in his 99th year. Colin received his B.A. from the University of Western Ontario in 1938, and his M.A. in 1940 and Ph.D. in 1942 under Dr. D.H. Bailey at the University of Toronto. He worked with the Plant Pathology scientific staff at the Harrow Research Station of Agriculture Canada from 1946 to 1973, and was involved in a broad program of research and extension on diseases of vegetable crops. Colin served as Head of the Plant Pathology section of the Harrow Research Station from 1962 to 1973, and in 1973 moved to Ottawa as Coordinator for Phytopathology in the Research Branch of Agriculture Canada. He was appointed Head of Crop Protection Coordination in 1976 and held that position until retirement in December 1978. On

April 5, 2012, Colin was inducted into the Essex County Agricultural Hall of Fame at Harrow, ON, in recognition of his substantial contributions to plant health and disease management of field and greenhouse vegetable crops at the Harrow Research Station.

Colin was an active member of the Canadian Phytopathological Society from 1947 to 2014 – a period of 67 years! He served as President of the Society in 1969-70, and also served as the first Editor of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology which has subsequently gone on to become one of the most important publications of CPS. Colin was honored as the first Fellow of CPS in 1981 and, in later years, Colin continued his connection with CPS as an Emeritus member.

During his retirement, Colin became committed to the on-going plight of American chestnut, a native tree species in the Carolinian zone of southern Ontario that had been decimated by the introduction of chestnut blight into Ontario in the mid-1920s. Colin founded the charitable organization Canadian Chestnut Council (CCC) in 1988 and served as the Chair for 19 years. Colin became “a tireless champion” of efforts to restore American chestnut in Canada, and encouraged and coordinated the research and promotion of many individuals working towards this cause.

Colin was curious, reflective, thoughtful and well known for his wise counsel, gentle wisdom and optimism. He will be greatly missed by the plant pathology community in Canada and worldwide. A more detailed memorial article will be published in the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology in the near future.

Note from the Editor: In the September 2013 Issue of *CPS News*, an announcement of Dr. McKeen’s induction into the Essex County Agricultural Hall of Fame was inadvertently placed in the “In Memorium” section of the newsletter. My sincerest apologies to Dr. McKeen’s family for the error, and to CPS members for any confusion it may have caused.

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PLEASE NOTE: The submission deadline for the June 2015 issue of CPS - SCP News is **May 22, 2015**. If you send photographs for publication in the CPS-SCP News, please ensure that you indicate that all individuals appearing in the photographs have given permission for their photographs to appear in the newsletter. Photographs will not be published if permission has not been obtained from the individuals involved.

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